

Dear Mrs Gray,

Mr Charles H. Smith  
of this city desires to adorn  
my new and elegant her-  
barium room with portraits  
of distinguished botanists. He  
will defray all expenses.

Of course - first all, I de-  
sire a good picture of Dr  
Gray - of a pretty large size,  
to head the list. Can you  
direct me to some photog-  
rapher who holds a negative?

My new quarters include  
a fire-proof and very com-  
modious herbarium room, fitted  
with ample new cases; new  
laboratories and lecture-rooms,  
I have also a curator, and  
two assistant teachers. My  
salary, after nearly 19 years  
service remains only \$1600.  
Hard sledding at that!

My two children grow

apace, Whitman is my a-  
love my shoulder, He is nearly  
chitean - a handsome, manly  
boy, Marsart - now ten, is  
solid gold - a joy and a  
comfort, Bestiful creatures  
both, I am a constant, and  
acute sufferer from rheumatic  
gout - which affects my  
neck and back, I do not  
know what it is, to be free  
of pain, but I keep a jolly  
face and a cheerful heart,

I do hope you are well,

Most cordially ever

W. Whitman Bailey

No 6 Cushing St

Providence, Jan 17, 1896 -